Allocation of Wheat to Orissa

2544. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of wheat allocated to Orissa out of the Central pool during 1991;

(b) whether the State Government have made request to increase the allocation of wheat to that State;

(c) if so, the steps taken to enhance the allocation of wheat to Orissa in 1992; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Orissa was allocated 3,27,500 tonnes of wheat from the Central Pool for the Public Distribution System during 1991.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The allocation of wheat to Orissa has been increased from 22,500 tonnes for January, 1992 to 25,000 tonnes per month for the months of February and March, 1992.

Losses suffered by F.C.I.

2545. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual loss suffered by Food Corporation of India since its inception;

(b) what is the amount of subsidy which Government are giving to Food Corporation of India; and

(c) whether Government propose to privatise the Food Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The years in which Food Corporation of India suffered losses and the extent of such losses are as follows:—

Year	(Rs. in Crores) Loss
1964-65	0.07
1986-87	1.27
1987-88	3.72
1988-89	7.53
1989-90	11.10
1990-91	7.95

(b) During the current year, the subsidy paid to Food Corporation was approximately Rs. 2,597 Crores upto the end of February, 1992.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Winding up of F.C.I.

2546. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the High Power Committee (HPC) headed by Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh has recommended for winding up of Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Purchase of Paddy by Food Corporation of India in Andhra Pradesh

2547. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what are the relaxations given by Food Corporation of India in specifications for purchase of paddy in the cyclone affected districts of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) how much damaged, discoloured, sprouted, immature, shrunken and shrivelled paddy has been purchased by Food Corporation of India, district-wise in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) To mitigate the sufferings of the farmers the Government of India have allowed FCI to procure paddy affected by the cyclone in November, 1991 in certain districts of Andhra Pradesh with certain relaxations in the specifications as indicated in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below) No quantity of paddy either under the relaxed specifications or otherwise has, however, been sold by the farmers to the FCI during 1991-92 as prices of paddy in the open market were higher than the minimum support price.

Statement

PADDY

(*Superfine and Fine Varieties*)

Uniform Specifications during 1991-92		Relaxations accorded by Govt. of India on 22-11-1991	
Refraction	Maximum limit	Refraction	Maximum limit
Damaged, Discoloured, Sprouted and Weevilled grains;	3%	Damaged, Sprouted and weevilled grains	5%
Immature, Shri velled & Shrunken grains	3%	Discoloured grains. Immature, Shrivel-ed & Shrunken grains.	10% 4%
Moisture	18%	Moisture	20%*

*With full value cut over 18%.

Sugar Factories

2548. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of Sugar Factories, the number of those assisted in undertaking sugarcane development in the factory area, research projects and for rehabilitation and modernisation of sugar factories under Sugar Development Fund Act, 1982;

(b) whether the funds continued to be paid from the Consolidated Fund of India frequently and not from other sources; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The State-wise number of Sugar factories, the number of factories assisted etc. is at Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No[illegible] 57).

(b) and (c) The Sugar Cess Act, 1982, as amended from time to time provides for the levy and collection of Cess of Rs. 14/- per quintal on all sugar produced by any sugar factory in India for being credited to the Consolidated Fund of India. The Sugar Development Fund Act, 1982 provides that an amount equi-